

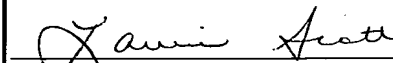


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Vijay Krishnan Ganesan, et al.
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Title: Generating an Optimized Supplier Allocation Plan

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Second Request for Status

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants received the Filing Receipt on March 29, 2002. Applicants previously filed a Request for Status in this case on May 2, 2003. A Status Reply Letter was mailed to Applicants on May 28, 2003, stating that this application would be examined in 15 months. Applicants continue to await a first Office Action.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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